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PSC APPROVES MISSOURI GAS ENERGY REQUEST

Jefferson City (January 4, 2005)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an application filed by Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) authorizing MGE to provide natural gas service for the public in an area of Greene County near Republic, Missouri. This would be an expansion of MGE's current certificated area in Greene County.

In a filing with the Commission on December 17, 2004, the PSC Staff recommended the application be approved. Staff stated that granting the application would be in the public interest because: 1) MGE is willing and able to serve the new customer under current tariff provisions; 2) MGE's service to the new customer would not negatively impact MGE's other customers; 3) no intervenors objected; 4) MGE anticipates using the customary rights-of-way; 5) the customer will pay the costs of the project; and 6) no new franchises are required.

The Commission's order approving the application states: "The Commission concludes that the proposed service area is both necessary and convenient for the public service."

Missouri Gas Energy serves approximately 506,400 natural gas customers in Missouri.

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